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To: All Mark:
Subj: Scary Stuff

-=> Quoting Jason Steck to All <=-

The following was recently found in a political echo. Pretty scary stuff. As the group involved is an Oregon counterpart for the "Colorado for Family Values (CFV)" group, the following could also speak quite a bit as to the REAL wolf behind the fake-Christian sheep's clothing. (I say "fake Christian" because hate and bigotry are NEVER fruits which issues from a truly Christian heart.)
As an aside in my role as Senior Moderator, the following is a part of a thread dealing with religious discrimination and "anti-ism". It is NOT an opening to a renewal of homosexuality debates within this conference. The clear thrust of the entire message obviously has far greater significance than its short reference to the off-topic sexuality issues.

Note: The proposal includes the following VERY SCARY elements:
1) It abolishes freedom of religion (calling the separation of church and state "heretical". It establishes a government-mandated religion with "acceptable" beliefs defined entirely by a self-appointed religious elite who appoint themselves judge, jury, and executioner.

2) It finds such a broad variety of groups to be "evil, wrong, and blasphemous" that it becomes clear that only a distinct minority of very extreme, very narrowly-defined beliefs would be acceptable. It is clearly calling for a dictatorship by a very narrow segment of society.

3) It introduces "Thought Policing" including the use of public schools to forcibly indoctrinate children with hatred against their non-Christian and/or non-traditional-Christian neighbors.

4) The REAL kicker: Since the proposal would also punish those who "facilitate" the banned religious groups, it would, in effect, wind up banning conferences like this one. All freedom of speech would be lost for fear of somehow offending the whims of one of the religious enforcers and being labelled a "facilitator" of blasphemous, evil, and wrong religious doctrines.

In all liklihood, this proposal has no chance, certainly not on the national level as proposed. However, the violence, hatred and bigotry reflected within produces some scary images of potential personal violence in our national future. Can anyone say "Northern Ireland"?

My recommendation: Extract this message. Mail it to any friends you may have in Oregon (or anywhere else this sort of proposal may crop up).

Let's get on the backs of our government representatives NOW to protect and defend the rights of religious freedom and protection from "anti-ist" attacks. Religious freedom is such an important issue, it cannot be allowed to be relegated to a governmental back burner under the illusion that it is "safe". Groups like OCA and similar religion-based facist groups indicate that there are always people who will use the guise of religious belief to impose personal violence and/or governmental tyranny while everyone's back is turned....

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From : Phillip Ramsdell 1:105/6 22 Oct 92 20:05:00
To : Oregon Christian Voters
Subj : O.c.a.'s New Ballot Measure

I am the Political Director of the Oregon Citizens Alliance, and vigorously support Ballot Measure 9. Homosexuals are abnormal and unhealthy and should be considered so by the state. But I feel that Measure 9 is only the first step. The Bible clearly states that homosexuals are disgusting sinners and should be put to death. But the problem is that not every voter is a Christian. So the O.C.A., under my leadership, is planning a new Ballot Measure for the next elections. This measure would amend the Oregon State Constitution with the following changes:

1. Christianity is to be the only acceptable religion in the State of Oregon. All non-Christian religions (cults) will be deemed evil, wrong, and blasphemous. These include cults such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Buddhism, Judaism, Taoism, and Hinduism. These "churches" will be condemned by the State of Oregon, and no state monies shall support them.

2. The amendment would require state, regional and local governments and their subdivisions, including specifically the State Department of Higher Education and the public schools, to assist in setting a standard for Oregon youth that recognizes Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Buddhism, Judaism, Taoism, Hinduism, and any other non-Christian cult as evil, wrong, and blasphemous.

3. The effect of this measure would limit the following:

a) The expenditure of public funds either directly or through free use of government property for promotions, rallies, or parades supporting any of the aforementioned cults.

b) The employment in government, including public schools, of an individual who is suspected of promoting, encouraging, or facilitating Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Buddhism, Judaism, Taoism, Hinduism, or any other non-Christian cult.

In addition, this is only one step in our plans. Once Oregon adopts this measure into the State's Constition, we will then attempt to amend the Constitution of the United States deeming Christianity the only religion allowed in this protestant-based country. The heretical "separation of church and state" will then be abolished, to finally allow the Christian Church to regain power. Finally, "In God We Trust" will be taken seriously.

"CHRISTIANITY: THE ONLY TRUE RELIGION"
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